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SUBJ: ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES--CENTER FOR NATURAL
RESOURCES RECOMMENDATIONS RE ENERGY

1. THIS MSG. IS FIRST OF SIX MSGS. CONTAINING PRELIMINARY
DRAFTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS PREPARED BY VALDIMIR BAUM WHICH
REFLECT IN HIS VIEW POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES AT FORTHCOMING TOKYO MEETING. THIS MSG.
PERTAINS TO RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ENERGY. AS DEPARTMENT
WILL NOTE RECOMMENDATIONS EXCLUSIVELY DESIGNED TO ASSIST LDCS
IN AREA OF ENERGY.

2. TEXT OF DRAFT

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON
OVERVIEW OF THE WORLD ENERGY SITUATION (E/C. 7/50)?

AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT PARTICULARLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

NOTING THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF MANY OF THE ENERGY IMPORTING
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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES

IN THE SUPPLY AND PRICES OF ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, FOODSTUFF
AND MANUFACTURED GOODS;

ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR AN
ENERGY ACTION PROGRAMME AS OUTLINED IN DOCUMENT (E/C.7/50)
FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO SERVE AS A GUIDE FOR THE POLICIES
AND PROGRAMMES OF AID-DONOR GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL CO-
OPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

RECOMMENDS THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENERGY ACTION PROGRAMME WITH THE
ASSISTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN
THE UNITED NATIONS AND ALSO ALL OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCES OF
FINANCING INCLUDING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUNDS-IN-TRUST;

FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL GIVE PRIORITY
TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS FOR ACTION BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN;

(A) ENERGY PLANNING, ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF
ENERGY INSTITUTIONS AND TRAINING.

(B) EVALUATION OF INDIGENOUS ENERGY RESOURCES, BOTH IN THE FORM
OF FOSSIL FUELS (COAL, OIL AND GAS), HYDRO-POTENTIAL, AND NON-
CONVENTIONAL SOURCES OF ENERGY, THROUGH FIELD PROJECTS AND CASE
STUDIES.

(C) ASSESSMENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY
THROUGH PILOT PROJECTS FOR IMPROVING THE AVAILABILITY OF ENERGY IN
ALL ITS FORMS IN RURAL AREAS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT TECHNOLOGICAL
ADVANCES IN THE APPLICATION IN CERTAIN AREAS OF SOLAR AND
GEOTHERMAL ENERGY, WIND AND WATER POWER, BIOGAS AND OTHER SOURCES,
UTILIZING TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT THE USE OF LOCAL MATERIALS
AND SKILLS.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. SUGGESTS THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN COOPERATION WITH THE
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE
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DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOP-
MENT, AND OTHER FUNDING AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, SHOULD
ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN THE FORMULATION OF ENERGY
POLICIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF RATIONALIZ-
ING THE BASE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THESE COUNTRIES, PROMOTING THE
MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF THEIR INDIGENOUS ENERGY RESOURCES, AND
BALANCING INTERNAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR ENERGY IN THE MOST
EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMIC MANNER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CHANGING

ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRIES.

2. SUGGESTS THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN COOPERATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, SHOULD ACTIVELY ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE REEVALUATION OF THEIR INDIGENOUS ENERGY RESOURCES IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT CHANGES IN THE ENERGY MARKET, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL FORMS OF FOSSIL FULES, HYDRO-POTENTIAL, AND OTHER LESS CONVENTIONAL SOURCES OF ENERGY, TO THE EXTENT THESE ARE BOTH AVAILABLE AND CAN BE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED IN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. THESE PROGRAMMES SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE AN EXTENSIVE TRAINING COMPONENT WHICH WILL ENABLE NATIONALS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRY'S RESOURCES.

3. SUGGESTS THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF IMPROVING THE AVAILABILITY OF ENERGY IN ALL ITS FORMS IN RURAL AREAS WHICH ARE REMOTE FROM EXISTING CENTRES OF SUPPLY, AND WHERE CONVENTIONAL FUELS AND ENERGY SOURCES, WHEN AVAILABLE, ARE EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE. SUCH INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ADVANCES WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE IN RECENT YEARS IN THE UTILIZATION OF SOLAR ENERGY, THE PRODUCTION OF COMBUSTIBLE GASES BY FERMENTATION OF ORGANIC WASTES, AND THE UTILIZATION OF WIND AND WATER POWER. THE INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THE PRACTICABILITY OF MEETING A LARGE PART OF THE ENERGY DEMAND OF VILLAGES BY THE USE OF THESE NON-CONVENTIONAL SOURCES, UTILIZING TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE LOCAL MATERIALS AND SKILLS. UNQTE
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